

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA SALLE CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
745 SECOND STREET, LA SALLE, IL.
7:00 P.M., August 26, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jeff Grove at 7:07 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present- Mayor Grove, Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider

Excused Absence- None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds that the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held on Tuesday, August 12, 2014 are accepted and placed on file. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

PETITIONS

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to allow Amber McNeilly with HomePages to address the council regarding city wide text messaging through HomePages and related matters.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Ms. McNeilly presented information to the council regarding a city wide text messaging system available through HomePages. The text messaging system can be utilized in emergency situations, but also for announcements and communication. Residents have the option to sign up for the program and applicable fees apply based on the resident's individual texting plan. Total costs are \$995 per year with additional fees for certain upgrades. Residents have the ability to unsubscribe at any time. Discussion followed. Attorney McPhedran suggested the council refer the issue to the Finance Committee for further review and recommendation at the September 9 meeting.

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to refer the city wide text messaging option through HomePages to the Finance Committee.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider.

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Motion carried 8-0

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Bacidore that the City take further action to facilitate the requests for vacation and or otherwise transfer the portion of the approximate Southern 32 feet by 80 feet East and West portion of the City diamond between Third Street and Fourth Street and between Bucklin and LaFayette Street in the City of La Salle regarding the Beck's development. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Brief discussion followed regarding clarification as to which properties Beck's has purchased surrounding the new development site.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider.

NAY: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None

Motion carried 8-0

Attorney McPhedran explained that in regard to the Special Use Permit, the city did not have specifics to act upon at the time the agenda was put out, but at this point in time, for the city to act in good faith to those parties showing interest in developing within the City of La Salle, this motion gives the Mayor the authority to start processes needed for whatever development may come along. No final action would be taken without council approval.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Herndon to authorize the Mayor to take such action and cause implementation of such procedures as the Mayor deems appropriate in his discretion to lawfully facilitate the legal processes concerning any potential Medical Marijuana development within the City.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider

NAY: None. Absent: None. Abstain: Lavieri

Motion carried 7-0

COMMUNICATIONS

Deputy Clerk Beth Swingel read a thank you from Illinois Valley Animal Rescue.

Mayor Grove indicated that Chief Uranich passed along a communication to him which recognized Police Dispatcher Toni Wroblewski for going above and beyond in a recent situation.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Duncan to accept and place on file the Department of Transportation Report showing the Motor Fuel Tax Allotment for June 2014 of \$18,704.12. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept and place on file the Department of Transportation Report showing the Motor Fuel Tax Allotment for July 2014 of \$20,966.73, Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept and place on file the Illinois Department of Revenue Report showing sales tax collected for May 2014 of \$85,618.96 and referendum approved sales tax of \$36,052.99 for a total of \$121,671.95. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

BIDS

City Engineer Brian Brown stated that only two bids were received for the 2014 MFT Project. Bids came in with Universal Asphalt & Excavating as the low bidder at \$299,266.13. The bid was \$32,757.13 (12%) above the engineer's estimate. Mr. Brown confirmed with IDOT who typically requires the bid remains under 10% of the engineer's estimate, that this would not be an issue and was informed would not be. The reason for the discrepancy in the estimate versus the bid has to do with the cost of with alley paving. The other bid received was \$370,000 from Trovero Construction. Mr. Brown indicated some additional monies from the Motor Fuel fund will be available for this project, so the council may need to pass a supplemental resolution reflecting the increase in the expenditure amount.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Bacidore to accept the low bid of \$299,266.13 from Universal Asphalt and Excavating for the 2014 MFT Road Project pending the eight day waiting period required by IDOT and related matters.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider.

NAY: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None

Motion carried 8-0

**BIDS: Universal Asphalt and
Excavating
299,266.13
Trovero Construction
\$370,311.40**

City Engineer, Brian Brown presented to the council that Cruz Concrete came in as low bidder at \$145,616.80 which reflects the contractor doing all aspects of the work. The contractor understands that if the city staff removes curb, sidewalks and driveways prior to the installation of regular and stamped sidewalk, there will be a reduction of payment to 127,862.80. The only cost increase from past years is the stamped concrete. Discussion followed. Alderman Ptak asked the City Engineer to look at the decorative walk near Stage 212 to determine if work done last year has some warranty and can be fixed or replaced due to peeling. Mr. Brown explained the methods of coloring concrete and indicated that the stamped sidewalks need to be sealed in the fall. The aldermen asked the City Engineer to be sure to keep a watchful eye on the process and ensure the sidewalks are done correctly this year and he will investigate if we have some warranty on work done last year and will report back to the council. Attorney McPhedran, as a point of information, reiterated that Cruz Concrete understands the accepted bid amount may be lowered if city staff does removal work and the MFT program bid award is pending the eight day waiting period established by IDOT.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Duncan to accept the low bid of Cruz Concrete for \$145,616.80 for the 2014 City of La Salle Annual Sidewalk Replacement Program and related matters.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider.

NAY: None. Absent: None. Abstain:

Motion carried 8-0

**BIDS: Cruz Concrete-
\$145,616.80
Universal Asphalt and
Excavating \$173,584.50**

Superintendent Jeff Bumgarner explained that in regard to the Chlorine Contact Tank Rehabilitation project only one bid was received from Putnam County Painting at \$73,120 which was much higher than anticipated. It is his recommendation that the council reject the bid and re-bid the project in the spring.

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to reject the low bid of for the Chlorine Contact Tank Rehabilitation project and related matters. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider.

NAY: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None

Motion carried 8-0

BID:
Putnam County Painting
\$73,120

STANDING COMMITTEES

Alderman Bacidore informed the council the Streets, Alleys and Traffic meeting is going to delay making a recommendation regarding making a no parking area on Gooding Street for two weeks. Residents were to be notified on their water bills about tonight's scheduled committee meeting, giving them an opportunity to express their views. Since the water bills went out late the meeting will be rescheduled giving everyone time to comment if they wish. Therefore, the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee will meet on September 9, 2014 at 6:45 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Grove explained the LaSalle Business Association is requesting permission to close streets for Jazz' N the Streets on September 5 and 6. A straw poll was taken and all aldermen were in favor of the street closure on First Street.

Jerry Hicks contacted the Mayor about cooperating with other communities in seeking a grant to do a feasibility study regarding the Multi-Modal Freight Opportunities. In two weeks, more information will be available.

The Rental Ordinance Committee will meet on Wednesday, September 3 at 1:00 p.m. to discuss changes to the rental ordinance. The meeting will be held in the City Council Chambers or moved to the upstairs conference room if the chambers are in use.

Mayor Grove thanked our public works crew for taking care of recent water main breaks.

Alderman Ptak asked the media to let the residents know that due to a glitch in the water billing program, bills are going out late. Residents will still have the same number of days to pay their bills.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to approve and place on file **Ordinance 2498:** an ordinance Authorizing Assignment of Lease and novation involving small portion of Civic Water Tower at 341 North 30th Road within the City of LaSalle concerning which Special Use Permit was previously granted and related matters. (Air Logic, Inc. and its Affiliated, Broadband Heaven, Inc.-Assignee, T6Broadband, Inc. /Essex Telkom, Inc.) Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon,

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Motion Carried 8-0

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Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Schneider to approve and place on file **Ordinance 2499**: an ordinance authorizing assignment of Lease and novation involving small portion of 753 E US Route 6 Water Tower, part of Lot 3 Cannon Industrial Park First Addition within the City of LaSalle concerning which Special Use Permit was previously granted and related matters. (Air Logic, Inc. and its Affiliated, Broadband Heaven, Inc.-Assignee, T6 Broadband, Inc./Essex Telkom, Inc.) Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon,

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Motion Carried 8-0

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Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve and place on file **Ordinance 2500**: an ordinance amendment to City Code related to Weeds, High Grass, and related matters, potentially including, but not necessarily being limited to, amendments to City Code Sections 91.22, 91.24 and Ordinance Number 2135. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Schneider

NAY: Alderman Bacidore, Alderman Herndon Absent: None Abstain: None

Motion Carried 6-2

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Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve and place on file **Ordinance 2501**: an Ordinance amending the City Code to Provide for the Regulation of Electrical Contractors and related matters. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Motion Carried 8-0

**Ordinance 2501: an Ordinance
amending the City Code to Provide
for the Regulation of Electrical
Contractors and related matters.**

COMMENTS

Mayor Grove thanked Beth Swingel for covering the meeting in the clerk's absence.

Building Inspector Chris Covert informed the council that the city owns six properties, five of which are available for sale immediately. He and Attorney McPhedran explained the two methods of selling these properties. The appraisal method would require a formal appraisal of the property, which then requires the City receive 80% of the appraised value to complete the sale. The second method, or auction/sealed bid format, requires publication three times in the newspaper with the publication outlining specific information as required by state statute in regard to the sale. Sealed bids are then opened in a public meeting where the council would have the opportunity to approve the bid by $\frac{3}{4}$ majority or reject the bid by majority vote and made final through the passing of an ordinance. Mayor Grove felt the sealed bid seemed the way to go, as it is difficult to find a buyer willing to pay 80% of the appraised value of these parcels although he indicated it was the council's decision as to the method. Mr. Covert explained that these parcels are too small to build on and are of limited use, therefore agreed finding a buyer willing to pay 80% of the appraised value could be difficult. There was consensus that it made sense to sell the parcels in order to free the City up from upkeep of maintaining the parcels. It was asked if all of the parcels could be sold at the same time in one notice and Attorney McPhedran indicated that it could be done and still considered individually in terms of accepting or rejecting the bids. It was determined the process of sale by auction/sealed bid should begin.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that bills submitted totaling: \$612,615.31 (Total Payroll \$172,949.08, Total Bills to Be Paid \$262,669.47, Total Bills Paid \$176,996.76) be accepted, paid and placed on file. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Motion Carried 8-0

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Demes to adjourn the meeting.
Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

ADJOURNED 8:23 p.m.

Beth Swingel, Deputy City Clerk